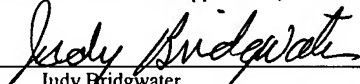


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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows. Enclosed are the following exhibits:

Exhibit A: US 2003/0082179 A1 (U.S. Application No. 09/898,398);

- Exhibit B: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/231,422, filed on January 14, 1999;
- Exhibit C: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/344,639, filed on June 26, 1999
- Exhibit D: Gao et al., *Clinica Chimica Acta* 245 (1996) 39-59;
- Exhibit E: J.S. McMurray, *Biopolymers* 47(5):405-11 (1998) (abstract); and
- Exhibit F: T. Yasuda, H. Niimi, *Acta Paediatr Jpn.* Aug;39(4):485-90 (1997)  
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